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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

7 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

8 '08 CV 0887 J WMC

9 KARL PHILIP JOHNSON,
10 Plaintiff,
11 vs.
12 CITY OF SAN DIEGO; SAN DIEGO
13 POLICE DEPARTMENT; JAMIE
14 FITZPATRICK (#6114); FRANK
WILSON (#5710); AND DOE 1
THROUGH DOE 20, INCLUSIVE,
15 Defendants.

16] COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES FOR:
17] 1. FALSE IMPRISONMENT;
18] 2. ILLEGAL SEARCH & SEIZURE;
19] 3. BATTERY;
20] 4. INVASION OF PRIVACY;
21] 5. INTENTIONAL INFILCTION OF
SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTRESS;
22] 6. NEGLIGENCE;
23] 7. VIOLATION OF FEDERAL AND
STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AND
STATUTORY RIGHTS.

VIA FAX

17 COME NOW plaintiff, Karl Philip Johnson, for causes of action
18 against defendants City of San Diego, San Diego Police Department,
19 Jamie Fitzpatrick (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710) and Doe 1
20 through Doe 20, inclusive, and each of them, complain and allege as
21 follows:

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23 GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

24 1. Plaintiff is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a law
25 abiding citizen and resident of the City of El Cajon, County of San
26 Diego, State of California.
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28 2. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges,
that defendants Jamie Fitzpatrick (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710)

1 are, and at all times herein were, residents of the City of San
2 Diego, County of San Diego, State of California.

3 3. Plaintiff is further informed and believes that
4 defendants Jamie Fitzpatrick (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710) are,
5 and at all times herein mentioned were, police officers acting
6 under color of authority and were the agents, servants and
7 employees of all other defendants.

8 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges,
9 that defendant City of San Diego, is a municipal corporation within
10 the County of San Diego, State of California.

11 5. Defendant, San Diego Police Department, is, and at all
12 times relevant hereto was, a police department set up by and
13 operating under the City of San Diego.

14 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges,
15 that at all times relevant herein, defendants City of San Diego and
16 San Diego Police Department employed defendants Jamie Fitzpatrick
17 (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710) as police and peace officers to
18 maintain law and order and to protect and serve the people of the
19 City of San Diego.

20 7. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of
21 defendants sued herein as Doe 1 through Doe 20, inclusive, and
22 therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names pursuant
23 to California Code of Civil Procedure, Section 474. Plaintiff will
24 amend this complaint when said defendants' true names and
25 capacities are ascertained.

26 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges,
27 that defendants, and each of them, were the agents, servants,
28 and/or representatives each of the other and were acting in such

1 course, scope and capacity at all times herein mentioned.

2 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges,
3 that each defendant herein was, at all times relevant hereto,
4 responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged, and
5 that plaintiff's injuries as herein alleged were proximately caused
6 by defendants' acts.

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8 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS**

10 **FOR**

11 **FALSE IMPRISONMENT**

12 10. Plaintiff realleges and hereby incorporates by reference
13 each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 9,
14 inclusive, of the General Allegations as though fully set forth
15 herein.

16 11. On or about May 20, 2006 at approximately 2:45 a.m.,
17 Plaintiff, while lawfully driving his vehicle in the area of
18 Potomac and Alta View in the City of San Diego, was stopped without
19 probable cause by defendants Jamie Fitzpatrick (#6114) and Frank
20 Wilson (#5710). Said defendants used the pretext that the rear
21 license plate light was not functioning on plaintiff's vehicle.
22 Defendants Jamie Fitzpatrick (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710), and
23 each of them, with guns and weapons drawn and pointed at plaintiff,
24 unlawfully stopped, detained, searched, handcuffed and arrested
25 plaintiff. Additionally, said defendants intentionally
26 overtightened the handcuffs placed on Plaintiff and imprisoned
27 plaintiff in a moving police vehicle without placing him in a
28 seatbelt.

1 12. Defendants, and each of them, did not have a warrant and
2 had no probable cause to stop, detain, search, handcuff, arrest,
3 improperly transport, and otherwise imprison plaintiff.

4 13. By the actions described above, defendants, and each of
5 them, deprived plaintiff of the following clearly established and
6 well-settled constitutional rights:

- 7 A. Freedom from the deprivation of liberty without due
8 process of law;
- 9 B. Freedom from summary punishment;
- 10 C. Freedom from the use of excessive, unreasonable,
11 unnecessary and/or outrageous force;
- 12 D. Due process and equal protection in handling,
13 treatment and transportation.

14 14. Defendants, and each of them, subjected plaintiff
15 to the deprivation of his rights intentionally and either
16 maliciously, or by acting with reckless disregard for whether
17 plaintiff's rights and/or safety would be violated by their
18 actions.

19 15. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of
20 defendants, and each of them, plaintiff was deprived of his
21 physical liberty, was humiliated, was forced to endure great mental
22 and physical suffering, and was forced to incur medical and legal
23 expenses in an as yet unascertained amount.

24 16. The aforementioned acts of defendants, Jamie Fitzpatrick
25 (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710), and each of them, were willful,
26 wanton, malicious and oppressive and justify the awarding of
27 exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish
28 and make examples of said defendants.

**SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS
FOR ILLEGAL SEARCH AND SEIZURE**

4 17. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1
5 through 9, inclusive of the General Allegations and paragraphs 11
6 through 15, inclusive, of the First Cause of Action as though fully
7 set forth herein.

8 18. On May 20, 2000, at approximately 2:45 a.m., defendants
9 Jamie Fitzpatrick (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710), and each of
10 them, without a warrant and without probable cause, unlawfully
11 stopped and detained plaintiff, searched his person, clothing and
12 belongings, and improperly placed and held him handcuffed in a
13 moving police vehicle without lap and shoulder belts. Plaintiff
14 did not consent to any such search(es), seizure, or transport.

15 19. By the actions described above, defendants, and each of
16 them, deprived plaintiff of the following clearly established and
17 well-settled constitutional rights:

- A. Freedom from illegal and warrantless searches and seizures;
- B. Freedom from summary punishment;
- C. Freedom from the use of illegal, excessive, unreasonable, unnecessary and/or outrageous search procedures;
- D. Due process and equal protection in handling, treatment and transportation.

26 20. Defendants, and each of them, subjected plaintiff to the
27 deprivation of his rights intentionally and either maliciously, or
28 by acting with a reckless disregard for whether plaintiff's rights

1 and/or safety would be violated by their actions.

2 21. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of
3 defendants, and each of them, plaintiff was deprived of his right
4 to be free from warrantless and unreasonable searches and seizures,
5 was humiliated, was forced to endure great mental suffering, and
6 was forced to incur medical and legal expenses, and sustained wage
7 losses in an as yet unascertained amount.

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THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

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AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

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FOR

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BATTERY

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14 22. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1
15 through 9, inclusive, of the General Allegations and paragraphs 11
16 through 15, inclusive, of the First Cause of Action as though fully
17 set forth herein.

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19 23. On or about May 20, 2006, defendants Jamie Fitzpatrick
20 (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710), and each of them, committed the
21 following acts:

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23 A. Unlawfully pointed loaded guns at Plaintiff,
24 offensively touched and searched his person,
25 clothing and belongings;

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27 B. Handcuffed plaintiff, over tightened said
28 cuffs so as to hurt plaintiff, and placed
 plaintiff in the rear of their police vehicle
 without a lap and shoulder belt so as to cause
 him additional injury.

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30 24. The above-specified acts were committed upon plaintiff

1 without his consent and was without provocation or justification.

2 25. As a direct and proximate result of the afore-described
3 conduct of defendants, and each of them, plaintiff sustained
4 injuries to his health, strength and emotional well being as well
5 as the deprivation of his civil and constitutional rights.
6 Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that said
7 injuries will result in some permanent disability to him, all to
8 his general damage in an amount which will be stated according to
9 proof.

10 26. That as a further direct and proximate result of the
11 afore-described conduct of defendants, and each of them, plaintiff
12 incurred medical and incidental expenses. Plaintiff is informed
13 and believes, and thereon alleges, that because of the permanency
14 of his injuries he will incur like expenses in the future all to
15 his damage in sums not at this time ascertained. Plaintiff will
16 pray for leave of court to amend the complaint to insert the true
17 amount thereof when is ascertained.

18 27. That as a further direct and proximate result of the
19 afore-described conduct of the defendants, and each of them,
20 plaintiff was prevented from attending to his usual occupation for
21 a period of time and sustained wage losses. Plaintiff is informed
22 and believes, and thereon allege, that by virtue of the permanency
23 and severity of his injuries, he will be prevented in the future
24 from attending to his usual occupation and will further sustain
25 wage losses. Plaintiff does not know the exact amount of said loss
26 of earnings and/or future loss of earning capacity and will move to
27 amend the complaint to state the true amounts thereof when same are
28 ascertained.

1 28. The aforementioned acts of defendants Jamie Fitzpatrick
2 (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710), and each of them, were willful,
3 wanton, malicious and oppressive and justify the awarding of
4 exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish
5 and make examples of said defendants.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

FOR

INVASION OF PRIVACY

11 29. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1
12 through 9, inclusive, of the General Allegations, paragraphs 11
13 through 15, inclusive, of the First Cause of Action, paragraphs 18
14 through 21, inclusive, of the Second Cause of Action, and
15 paragraphs 23 through 27, inclusive of the Third Cause of Action,
16 as though fully set forth herein.

17 30. By stopping, arresting, searching and otherwise
18 interfering with plaintiff without probable cause, a warrant,
19 excuse or justification, defendants Jamie Fitzpatrick
20 (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710), and each of them, wrongfully and
21 unlawfully invaded plaintiff's rights of privacy. Said invasion
22 was done despite plaintiff's protestation against such acts.

23 31. Plaintiff in no way consented to the search of his
24 clothing, persons or belongings. Additionally, plaintiff in no way
25 consented to any of the other acts perpetrated upon him by said
26 defendants, and each of them. Plaintiff submitted to said
27 defendants' acts only because he was afraid, was ordered to submit
28 by said defendants who were acting under color of their authority

1 and under color of the statutes, ordinances, regulations, customs
2 and practices of the State of California, the City of San Diego and
3 the San Diego Police Department.

4 32. The above-mentioned acts and conduct of said defendants
5 were beyond their authority and were without probable cause or
6 justification and were abuses of authority. In that defendants'
7 acts and conduct were outside of their authority, they are not
8 immune from liability for said acts.

9 33. As a result of the afore-mentioned conduct of defendants
10 Jamie Fitzpatrick (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710), and each of
11 them, plaintiff was deprived of rights, privileges and immunities
12 secured to him by the constitutions and laws of the United States
13 and of the State of California. Defendants' conduct constituted
14 illegal and warrantless searches and arbitrary intrusions by
15 defendants, and each of them, upon plaintiff's belongings, privacy
16 and body, thereby depriving plaintiff of life, liberty, and
17 property without due process of law. Plaintiff, therefore, is
18 entitled to relief under U.S.C., Title 42, Sec. 1983.

19 34. The aforementioned acts of defendants, and each of them,
20 were willful, wanton, malicious and oppressive and justify the
21 awarding of exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient
22 to punish and make examples of said defendants.

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24 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

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26 **AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS**

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28 **FOR**

29 **INTENTIONAL INFILCTION OF SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

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31 35. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1

1 through 9, inclusive, of the General Allegations, paragraphs 11
2 through 15, inclusive, of the First Cause of Action, paragraphs 18
3 through 21, inclusive, of the Second Cause of Action, paragraphs 23
4 through 27, inclusive, of the Third Cause of Action and paragraphs
5 30 through 33, inclusive, of the Fourth Cause of Action as though
6 fully set forth herein.

7 36. In addition to the conduct complained of and incorporated
8 herein by reference, defendants Jamie Fitzpatrick (#6114) and Frank
9 Wilson (#5710), and each of them, intentionally and excessively
10 participated in and performed the following acts:

11 A. Unlawfully pointed loaded guns at plaintiff,
12 stopped and detained him, searched his person,
13 clothing and belongings;

14 B. Handcuffed plaintiff, over tightened said
15 cuffs so as to hurt plaintiff, and placed
16 plaintiff in the rear of their police vehicle
17 without a lap and shoulder belt so as to cause
18 him additional injury.

19 37. Defendants, and each of them, intentionally and
20 excessively assaulted and battered plaintiff for the sole purpose
21 of causing said plaintiff pain and suffering. This conduct as well
22 as said defendants', and each of them, conduct of stopping,
23 searching, handcuffing, arresting, battering, and improperly
24 transporting (without lap/shoulder belt) plaintiff were extreme and
25 outrageous.

26 38. By reason of the outrageous conduct and treatment of
27 plaintiff by the above-named defendants, plaintiff suffered injury
28 and damage to his face, jaw, neck, back, mind, body, arms, legs,

1 and nervous systems, embarrassment, severe emotional distress and
2 as yet additional unascertained injuries and damages.

3 39. By reason of the wrongful acts of defendants, and each of
4 them, plaintiff was required to and did employ physicians and
5 surgeons to examine, treat and care for him. Plaintiff thereby
6 incurred medical and related expenses in an as yet unascertained
7 amount or according to proof.

8 40. That as a further direct and proximate result of the
9 afore-described conduct of the defendants, and each of them,
10 plaintiff was prevented from attending to his usual occupation for
11 a period of time and sustained wage losses. Plaintiff is informed
12 and believes, and thereon alleges, that by virtue of the permanency
13 and severity of his injuries, he will be prevented in the future
14 from attending to his usual occupation and will further sustain
15 wage losses. Plaintiff does not know the exact amount of said loss
16 of earnings and/or future loss of earning capacity and will move to
17 amend the complaint to state the true amounts thereof when same are
18 ascertained.

19 41. The aforementioned acts of defendants Jamie Fitzpatrick
20 (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710), and each of them, were willful,
21 wanton, malicious and oppressive and justify the awarding of
22 exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish
23 and make examples of defendants.

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**SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION
AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS
FOR
NEGLIGENCE**

5 42. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1
6 through 9, inclusive, of the General Allegations, paragraphs 11
7 through 15, inclusive, of the First Cause of Action, paragraphs 18
8 through 21, inclusive, of the Second Cause of Action, paragraphs 23
9 through 27, inclusive, of the Third Cause of Action, paragraphs 30
10 through 33, inclusive, of the Fourth Cause of Action and paragraphs
11 36 through 40, inclusive, of the Fifth Cause of Action as though
12 fully set forth herein.

13 43. In doing the acts complained of and incorporated herein
14 by reference, and further by driving plaintiff unbelted and
15 handcuffed in the rear of their police vehicle, and by becoming
16 involved in a foreseeable automobile accident, defendants Jamie
17 Fitzpatrick (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710), and each of them,
18 were negligent. Said defendants owed plaintiff, a law abiding
19 citizen, a duty not to stop, search, arrest or otherwise use force
20 against him without probable cause or justification. Defendants
21 further owed plaintiff a duty to not handcuff him, not tighten said
22 handcuffs so as to hurt him, not place him un-seatbelted in a
23 moving police vehicle while handcuffed, and to follow proper
24 procedures while transporting plaintiff in a police vehicle.
25 Defendants, and each of them, breached each said duty.

26 45. Defendants City of San Diego and San Diego Police
27 Department were negligent in entrusting its police vehicle to
28 defendants Jamie Fitzpatrick (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710), the

1 hiring and/or promotion of its personnel and negligently failed to
2 properly train and/or supervise its police officers [defendants
3 Jamie Fitzpatrick (#6114) and Frank Wilson (#5710), and each of
4 them] in the performance of their respective duties.

5 46. Defendants, City of San Diego and San Diego Police
6 Department were either aware of, or should have been aware of, the
7 propensities of actions of its employees and/or agents and ratified
8 and approved same.

9 47. By committing the acts complained of, by entrusting its
10 police vehicle to defendants Jamie Fitzpatrick (#6114) and Frank
11 Wilson (#5710), and by failing to properly screen, train and
12 supervise its police officers, defendants City of San Diego and San
13 Diego Police Department, and each of them, breached duties owed to
14 plaintiff and proximately caused his injuries.

15 48. As a proximate result of the negligence of defendants, and
16 each of them, plaintiff sustained injury and damage to his jaw,
17 neck, back, mind, body, psyche, emotion, self esteem, reputation
18 and person. Plaintiff was caused to suffer severe emotional
19 distress and additional as yet unascertained injuries and damages.

20 49. As a further proximate result of the negligence of
21 defendants, and each of them, plaintiff was required to and did
22 employ physicians and surgeons to examine, treat and care for him.
23 Plaintiff thereby incurred medical and related expenses in an as
24 yet unascertained amount or according to proof.

25 50. That as a further direct and proximate result of the
26 afore-described conduct of the defendants, and each of them,
27 plaintiff was prevented from attending to his usual occupation for
28 a period of time and sustained wage losses. Plaintiff is informed

1 and believes, and thereon alleges, that by virtue of the permanency
2 and severity of his injuries, he will be prevented in the future
3 from attending to his usual occupation and will further sustain
4 wage losses. Plaintiff does not know the exact amount of said loss
5 of earnings and/or future loss of earning capacity and will move to
6 amend the complaint to state the true amount thereof when same is
7 ascertained.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

FOR VIOLATION OF FEDERAL AND STATE

CIVIL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY RIGHTS

13 51. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1
14 through 9, inclusive of the General Allegations, paragraphs 11
15 through 15, inclusive, of the First Cause of Action, paragraphs 18
16 through 21, inclusive, of the Second Cause of Action, paragraphs 23
17 through 27, inclusive, of the Third Cause of Action, paragraphs 30
18 through 33, inclusive, of the Fourth Cause of Action, paragraphs 36
19 through 40, inclusive, of the Fifth Cause of Action, and paragraphs
20 43 through 50, inclusive, of the Sixth Cause of Action as though
21 fully set forth herein.

22 52. This action is brought pursuant to the provisions of 42
23 U.S.C., Sections 1981, 1983 and 1985 and pursuant to the provisions
24 of California Civil Code, Sections 51, 52 and 52.1.

25 53. At all times herein-mentioned, defendants, and each of
26 them, were acting in their capacities as police officers, under
27 color of law of the statutes of the State of California conferring
28 authority on peace officers.

1 54. In doing the acts complained of and by reason of the
2 false imprisonment, illegal search and seizure, battery, invasion
3 of privacy, improper use of handcuffs, improper transportation, and
4 intentional infliction of emotional distress committed by
5 defendants, and each of them, plaintiff was deprived of his rights
6 as secured by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United
7 States Constitution and as further secured by the California
8 Constitution and statutes.

9 55. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned
10 acts, Plaintiff incurred damages in an amount according to proof.

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12 AS TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION, PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A JURY TRIAL.

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14 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against defendants, as
15 follows:

16 1. For general damages in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 each or
17 according to proof;

18 2. For medical and related expenses in an amount according to
19 proof;

20 3. For special damages according to proof;

21 4. For deprivation of his constitutional and civil rights;

22 5. For exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient
23 to punish and make examples of defendants.

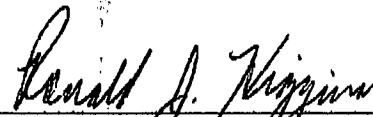
24 6. For costs incurred herein pursuant to Section 1988 of 42
25 U.S.C., Section 52 and 52.1 of the Civil Code and 1021.5 of the
26 Code of Civil Procedure;

27 7. Attorney fees incurred in the prosecution of said
28 complaint pursuant to Section 1988 of 42 U.S.C., Section 52 and

1 52.1 of the Civil Code and 1021.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure;
2 and,

3 8. For prejudgment interest according to proof.

4 DATED: May 17, 2008

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6 RONALD J. HIGGINS
7 Attorney for Plaintiff,
8 Karl Philip Johnson

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